

Sunny Start Family Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Meeting Date: Monday, January 8th, 2007 9:00 – 10:00

Location: Via Conference Call

Committee Chair: Mary Jo Paladino

List of Participants: Denise Arland, Krissy Dhonau, Rebecca Kirby, Jamie Maroney (IPIN) Emily

McQuade (Riley), Mary Jo Paladino, Rylin Rodgers, Christina Rogers, Maureen

Greer, Toni Harpster, Judith Ganser

Items of Interest: Comments on Developmental Calendar must be sent to Toni Harpster no later

than January 31, 2007 (tmharpster@yahoo.com)

Next Meeting – Monday, March 12th @ 9:00 via conference call.

Summary of meeting:

Mary Jo Paladino, committee chair opened the meeting with introductions and then introduced John Richard from the Indiana State Department of Health to talk about Indiana WINS.

Highlights of Indiana WINS discussion include:

The State Dept. of Health has upgraded to the newest version of the software and so far the upgrade is going well. Currently WIC (Women, Infants & Children), Childrens Special Health Care Services, Prenatal Care, Infant Health and Child Health are being incorporated into the system.

The IBM contract with FSSA (Family Social Services Administration) is now in force. Members from ISDH are working with FSSA and IBM to set up a meeting which includes the FSSA Project Manager. It is anticipated that this meeting will take place in a few weeks. Early indications are that they will not be using the Indiana WINS software as they are interested in another software package. ISDH is prepared to use comply with whatever they use so that there will be one systems for families to access this application program.

Next Steps

- ISDH will continue to put this in place for MCH (Maternal Child Health Programs) as they don't know how long FSSA will take to reach a decision on their programs.
- Working on an eligibility –predetermination feature for FSSA programs

in the interim that will direct applicants to the appropriate offices.

- Will survey clinics to see their specific needs to make this happen.
- Will set up Administrative Users for clinics
- Develop training for end-users

Developmental Calendar

Suggestions for additions and changes are still being received. The group suggested that in order to fit the additions, the "How am I Growing" section be removed from each milestone and added to the end. Toni Harpster will continue to compile suggested changes and work with Dr. Ganser, Mary Jo Paladino and perhaps Karen Glander to determine which changes can be incorporated. All feedback on changes must be received by January 31st. The "calendar committee" will work on changes during the month of February and present them to the group at the March 12th meeting.

The goal is to have the calendar released in the spring perhaps in conjunction with Mother's Day.

Medical Passport

Jamie Maroney from IPIN (Indiana Parent Information Network) explained that they are currently reviewing the Children's version of the Medical Passport. They are focusing on the structure of the document emphasizing Children with special needs. Once this is complete this information will be forwarded to the Family Advisory Committee where we will then develop a plan for our review. The goal is to have consistent language throughout all versions of the passport and the developmental calendar.

Early Childhood Meeting Place

Public awareness materials are currently being developed and will be sent to organizations and distributed directly to families. Mary Jo Paladino explained that they Indiana State Transition Initiative is developing "transition bags" which can b checked out at libraries, homeless shelters, Child Care Resource and Referral agencies and First Steps System Points of Entry that will include information on the Meeting Place.

Next Steps for the Family Advisory Committee

- Changes/additions to the developmental calendar must be submitted to Toni Harpster @ tmharpster@yahoo.com by January 31st.
- "Calendar Team" will make recommendations for final changes and submit to the group at the March 12th meeting
- Our next meeting will be via conference call on Monday, March 12th @ 9:00. At that meeting we will review the final edits for the calendar and formulate a plan for reviewing the Medical Passport.